

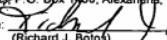
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Group Art Unit: 1744

Docket No.: BECTON 3.0-019

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In re Patent Application of:	:
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Application No.: 09/892,061	: Group Art Unit: 1744
Filed: June 26, 2001	: Examiner: W. H. Beisner
For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR OPTICALLY	:
MONITORING THE CONCENTRATION OF	:
A GAS, OR THE PRESSURE, IN A	:
SAMPLE VIAL TO DETECT SAMPLE	:
GROWTH	:

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2008, finally rejecting claims 113-115 and 119-122, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: